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THE KEEWAZI NATION, OKLAHOMA.

SORRY TO PUT YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF THE FREAKSHOW'S FIGHTS, LOU.

MAYBE I'M LOSING MY EDGE IN MY OLD AGE. I THOUGHT WE'D BE SAFE HERE. GUESS I WAS WRONG.

HOW'S EDDIE?

HARD TO TELL, TISHA, I'M JUST A G.P.--I'VE NO TRAINING IN MUTANT PHYSIOLOGY.

YOUR FRIEND LOST CONSCIOUSNESS WHEN THAT GLITTERSPIKE CREEP BLUDGEONED HIM WITH THAT ENERGY MACE.\*

HE APPEARS TO HAVE SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION, BUT HIS METALLIC SKIN MAKES ITS SEVERITY DIFFICULT TO GAUGE.

\*LAST ISSUE-- JOEY

AT LEAST HIS BREATHING SEEMS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL.

MAMA HURRICANE? DOCTOR WINGFOOT? WHAT HAP...

HE'S COMING AROUND.

...NOW I REMEMBER... ROSA...

WHERE'S ROSA???

SHE'S GONE, EDDIE--AFTER GLITTERSPIKE KNOCKED YOU OUT--

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**Stan  
Lee  
PRESENTS:**

# SHADOWS AND LIGHT

UGH! STOP  
IT, ROSA! DO  
YOU WANT ME TO  
DROP YOU?

I DON'T  
CARE. YOU'VE  
NO RIGHT--

I HAVE EVERY  
RIGHT. YOU'RE  
CARRYING MY  
CHILD.

**TOM  
DEFALCO**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF



WHAT I DO, I DO IN  
THE **BEST** INTEREST  
OF YOU **AND** THE  
CHILD.

WE ARE GOING  
TO BE ONE BIG  
**HAPPY**  
FAMILY--

--WHETHER  
YOU **LIKE** IT  
OR NOT.

THE **FREAKSHOW**  
IS MY FAMILY,  
ALEXI--

--THEY CARE ABOUT  
ME MORE THAN YOU  
EVER DID.

MAMA HURRICANE'S  
COLLECTION OF  
BIOSHOP **FAILURES**  
CANNOT TAKE CARE  
OF YOU LIKE I CAN.

I'M NOT THE  
**CONFUSED**  
LITTLE GIRL  
THAT MISTOOK  
YOUR **ABUSE**  
FOR LOVE--

--I CAN  
PROTECT  
MYSELF,  
THANK  
YOU.

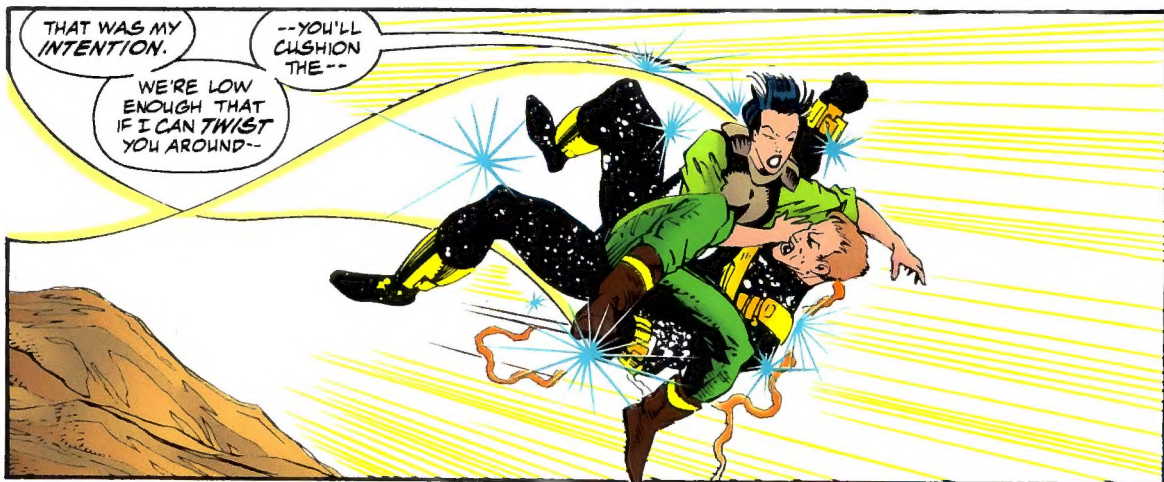
I MAY NOT HAVE  
THE **LUMINESCENT**  
ENERGY ADVANTAGE  
THE BIO-ENGINEERS  
GAVE YOU--

--BUT MY BODY  
CAN PRODUCE  
ENOUGH **STATIC**  
INTERFERENCE--

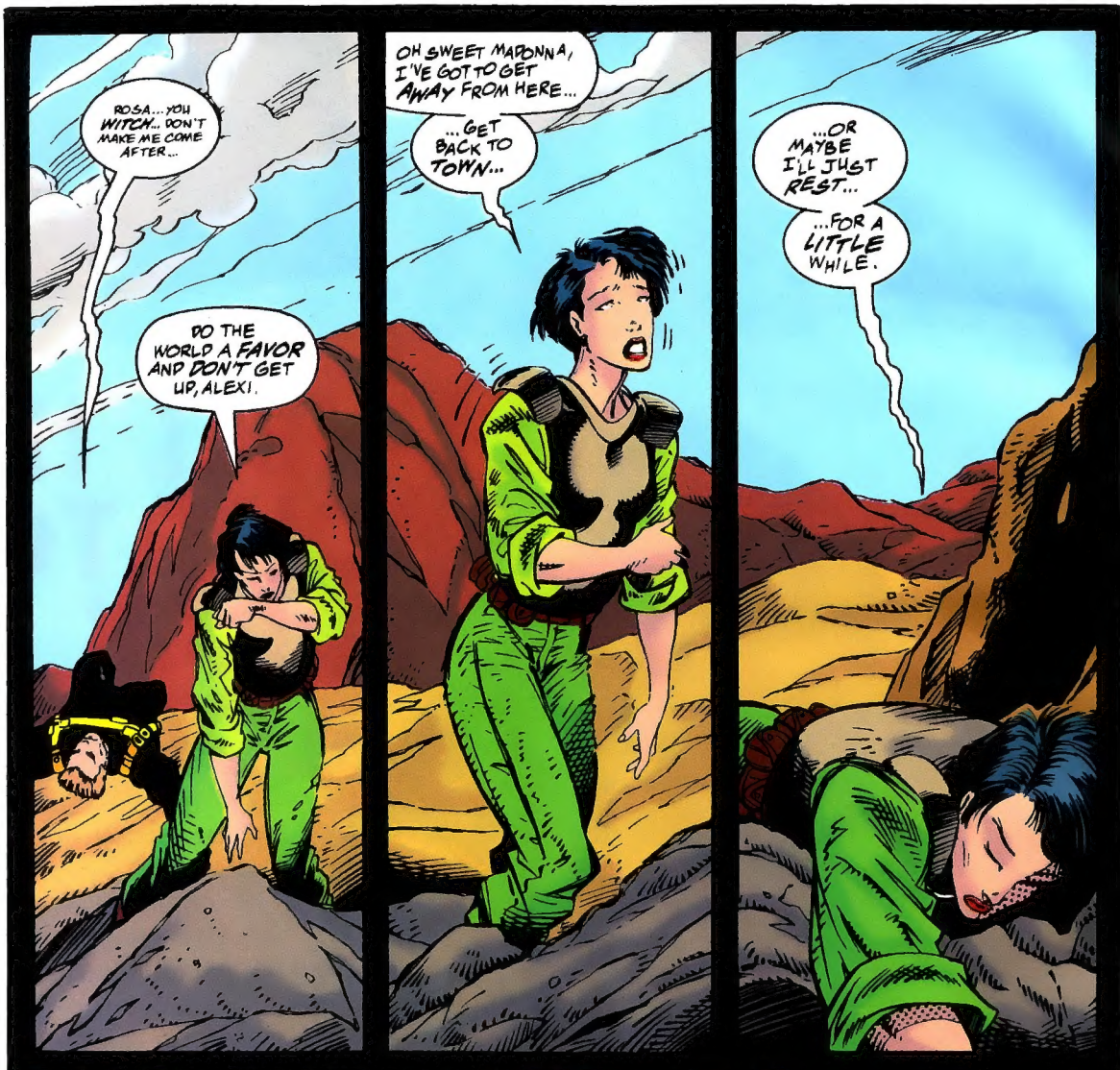
--TO **MONKEY-  
WRENCH** THE  
PROPULSION  
HARNESSES YOU  
WEAR.

ROSA,  
ARE YOU  
CRAZY???

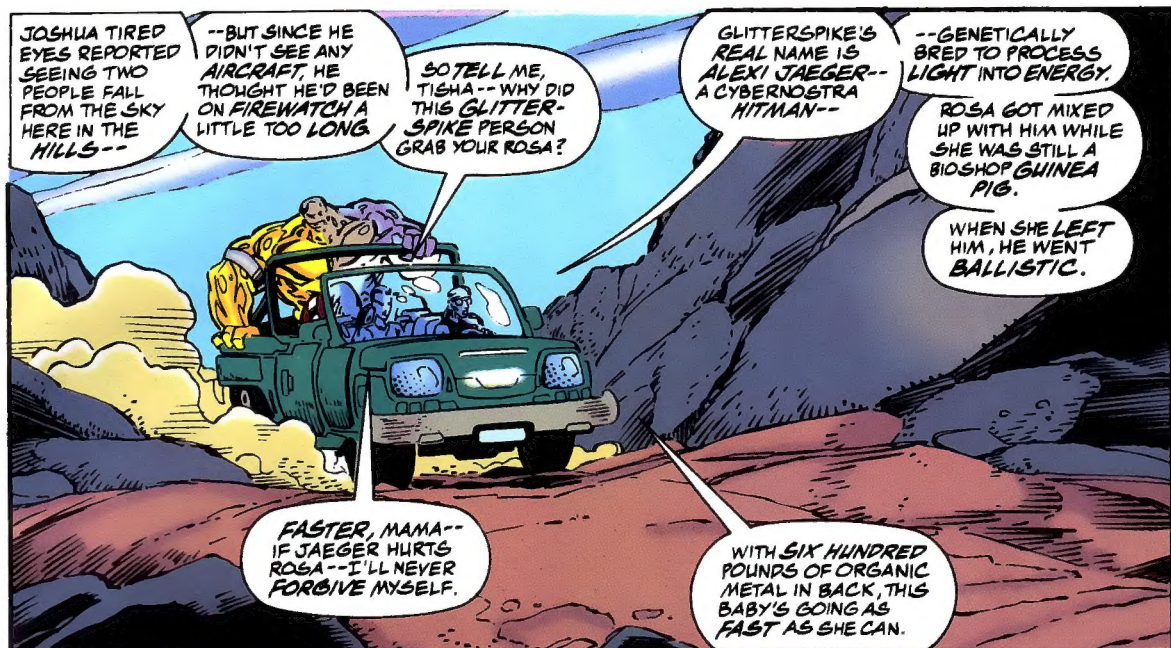












JOSHUA TIRED EYES REPORTED SEEING TWO PEOPLE FALL FROM THE SKY HERE IN THE HILLS--

--BUT SINCE HE DIDN'T SEE ANY AIRCRAFT, HE THOUGHT HE'D BEEN ON FIREWATCH A LITTLE TOO LONG

SO TELL ME, TISHA-- WHY DID THIS GLITTERSPIKE PERSON GRAB YOUR ROSA?

GLITTERSPIKE'S REAL NAME IS ALEXI JAEGER-- A CYBERNOSTRA HITMAN--

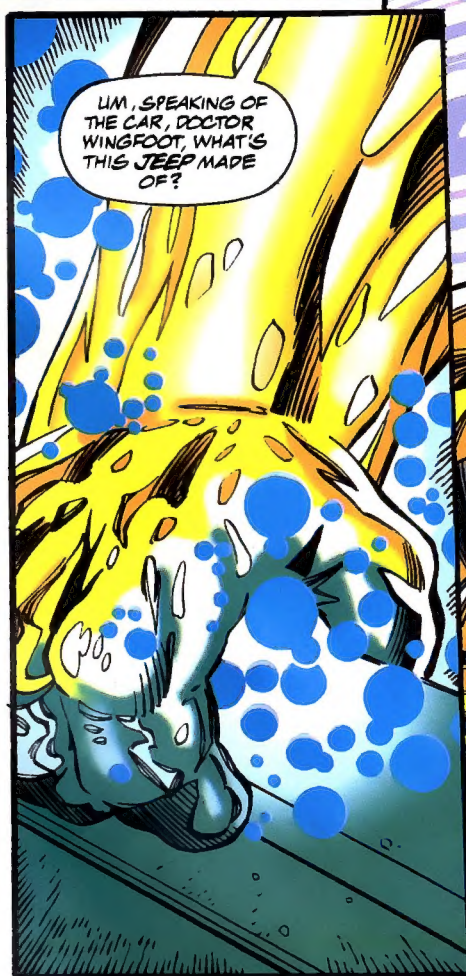
--GENETICALLY BRED TO PROCESS LIGHT INTO ENERGY.

ROSA GOT MIXED UP WITH HIM WHILE SHE WAS STILL A BIOSHOP GUINEA PIG.

WHEN SHE LEFT HIM, HE WENT BALLISTIC.

FASTER, MAMA-- IF JAEGER HURTS ROSA-- I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF.

WITH SIX HUNDRED POUNDS OF ORGANIC METAL IN BACK, THIS BABY'S GOING AS FAST AS SHE CAN.



UM, SPEAKING OF THE CAR, DOCTOR WINGFOOT, WHAT'S THIS JEEP MADE OF?



A LIGHTWEIGHT CARBON ALLOY. WHY DO YOU ASK?

I JUST ABSORBED ITS METALLIC PROPERTIES.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT SINCE CONTAGION MADE ME ILL.\*



\*X-MEN 2099 #7-- ME AGAIN



ELSEWHERE...

OHhh...I HURT...  
ALL OVER...

WHERE AM I?  
AND HOW'D I  
GET HERE?

UNNGH...THIS  
IS YOUR FAULT,  
ROSA.

SHOCK. I  
THOUGHT I'D  
DITCHED  
YOU...

NEITHER OF US  
WOULD BE HERE,  
ROSA, IF YOU  
HADN'T MADE US  
CRASH.

IF YOU WEREN'T  
CARRYING MY  
CHILD, I'D...

YOU'D  
WHAT?  
HIT  
ME?

NOT THIS TIME.  
YOU LAY A HAND  
ON ME AGAIN,  
AND I'LL HURT  
YOU BACK.

YOU  
UNGRATE-  
FUL--

RRUGHR

WHAT  
THE--?

MADRE  
DE  
DIOS...

ONE OF THE  
FREAKSHOW  
COME TO YOUR  
RESCUE?

NO ONE  
I KNOW.

A LITTLE LIGHT  
WILL BRING OUR  
GUEST OUT INTO  
THE OPEN.

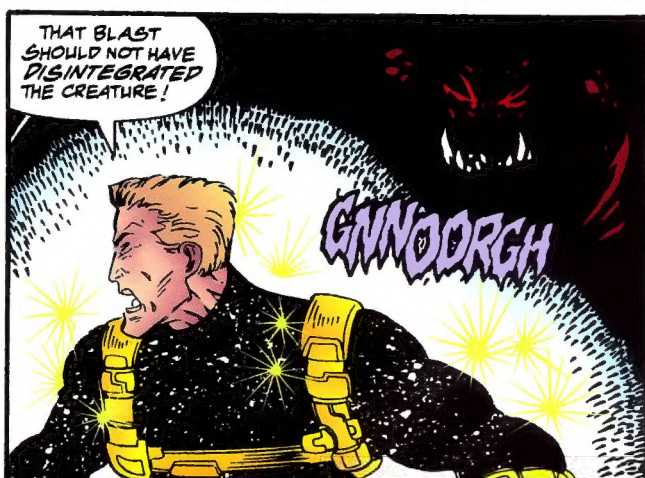
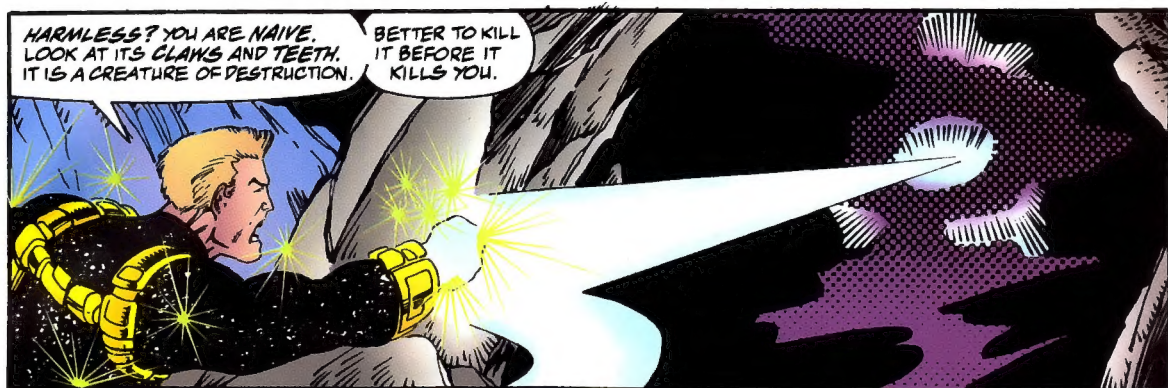


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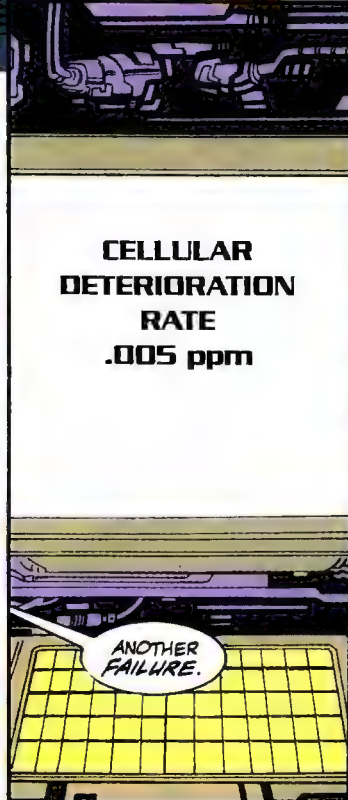
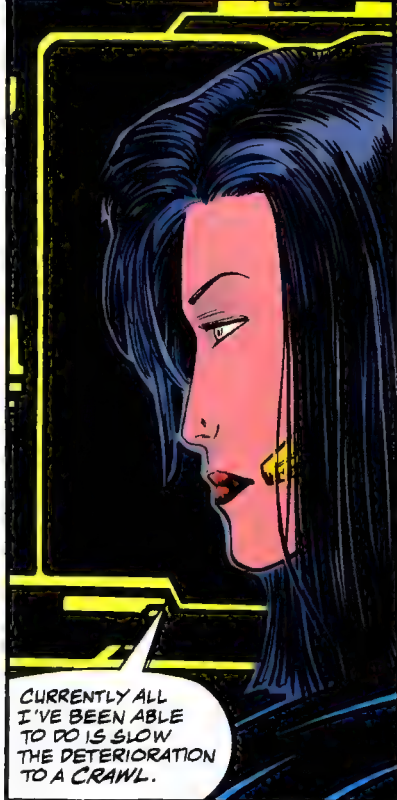


\* DOMINIC ENCOUNTERED THE SHADOW DANCER LAST ISSUE.













I KNOW YOU LIKE TO PRETEND THAT XI'AN'S ABDICATION DIDN'T AFFECT YOU--

--BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT HIS RECENT ALLIANCE WITH BRIMSTONE LOVE AND THE THEATRE OF PAIN MEANS TROUBLE.

THE THEATRE CAME AFTER US ONCE. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FORGET ABOUT US.

IF WE'RE GOING TO BE PREPARED WHEN THEY RETURN--AND BELIEVE ME--THEY WILL COME BACK--

WE HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER.

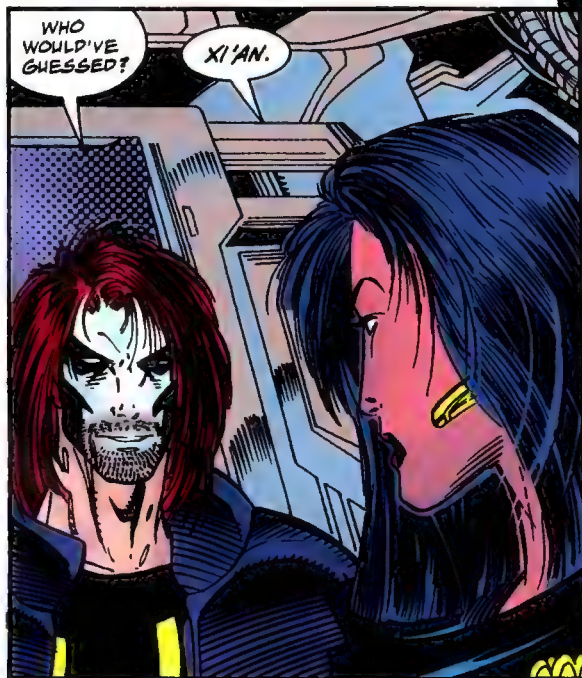
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THE DREAM OF A BETTER LIFE FOR MUTANTS DIE BECAUSE XI'AN TURNED HIS BACK ON US.

SHAKTI, YOU BROUGHT ME INTO THE X-MEN WHEN I WAS A FLATLINE ON THE STREET.

DON'T ABANDON THE X-MEN NOW.

TIMOTHY FITZGERALD, YOU HAVE CHANGED MUCH SINCE I LED YOU TO THE GATHERING.

YOUR FEAR HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH PASSION AND RESOLVE.



WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED?

XI'AN.

VERY WELL. I WILL STAY.

BUT REALIZE THIS. YOU WILL HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR THE OTHERS TO ACCEPT YOUR LEADERSHIP.



I'LL MAKE THEM COME AROUND.

CELLULAR  
DETERIORATION  
RATE  
.003ppm



IN ANOTHER PART OF  
ZHAO'S COMPOUND.

KRYS, I'VE  
BEEN LOOKING  
ALL OVER FOR  
YOU.

I'VE BEEN  
HERE. I  
NEEDED TO  
BE ALONE.

YOU'RE  
CRYING.



I HADN'T  
CHECKED MY  
MESSAGES  
FOR A FEW  
WEEKS...

...WHEN  
I DID, I  
FOUND  
THIS.

YOUR  
BROTHER.

KRYS. ZAK. OUR FATHER  
DIED LAST NIGHT. HE  
WAS A GREAT MAN, AND  
HIS WORK CONTINUES.

THE FUNERAL WILL BE AT  
THE BROADWAY MOSQUE  
ON FRIDAY THE  
SIXTEENTH.

DESPITE OUR  
DIFFERENCES,  
I THINK YOU  
SHOULD BE  
HERE.



I'M SORRY,  
KRYS... IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING I  
CAN--

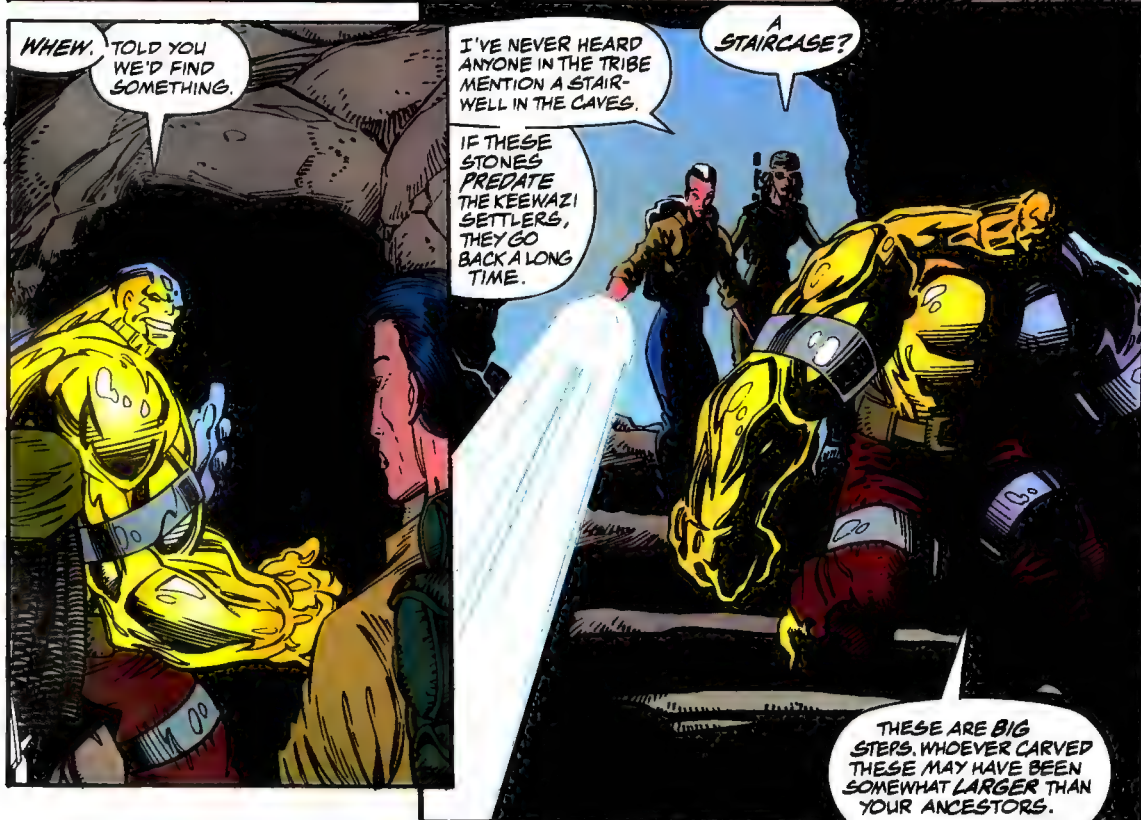
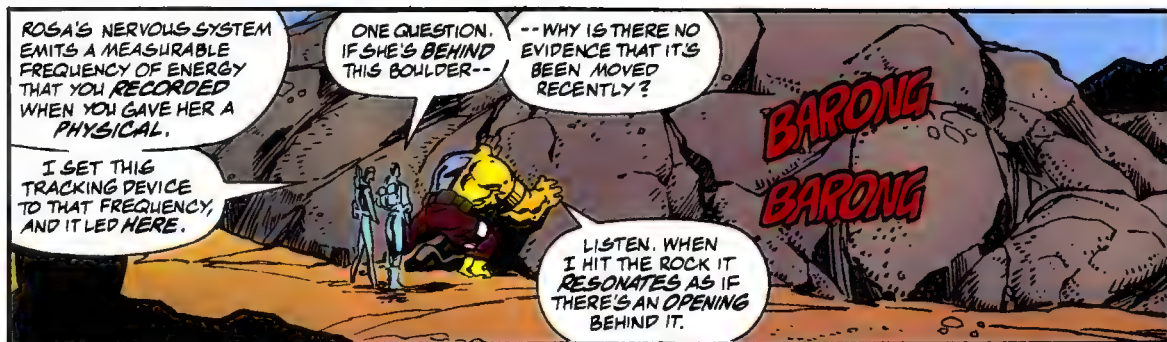
NO. THERE'S  
NOTHING ANYONE  
CAN DO RIGHT  
NOW...

I'M GOING  
TO LEAVE IN  
AN HOUR FOR  
OAKLAND.

I HAVE  
TO SAY  
GOODBYE.









ELSEWHERE IN  
THE CAVES.

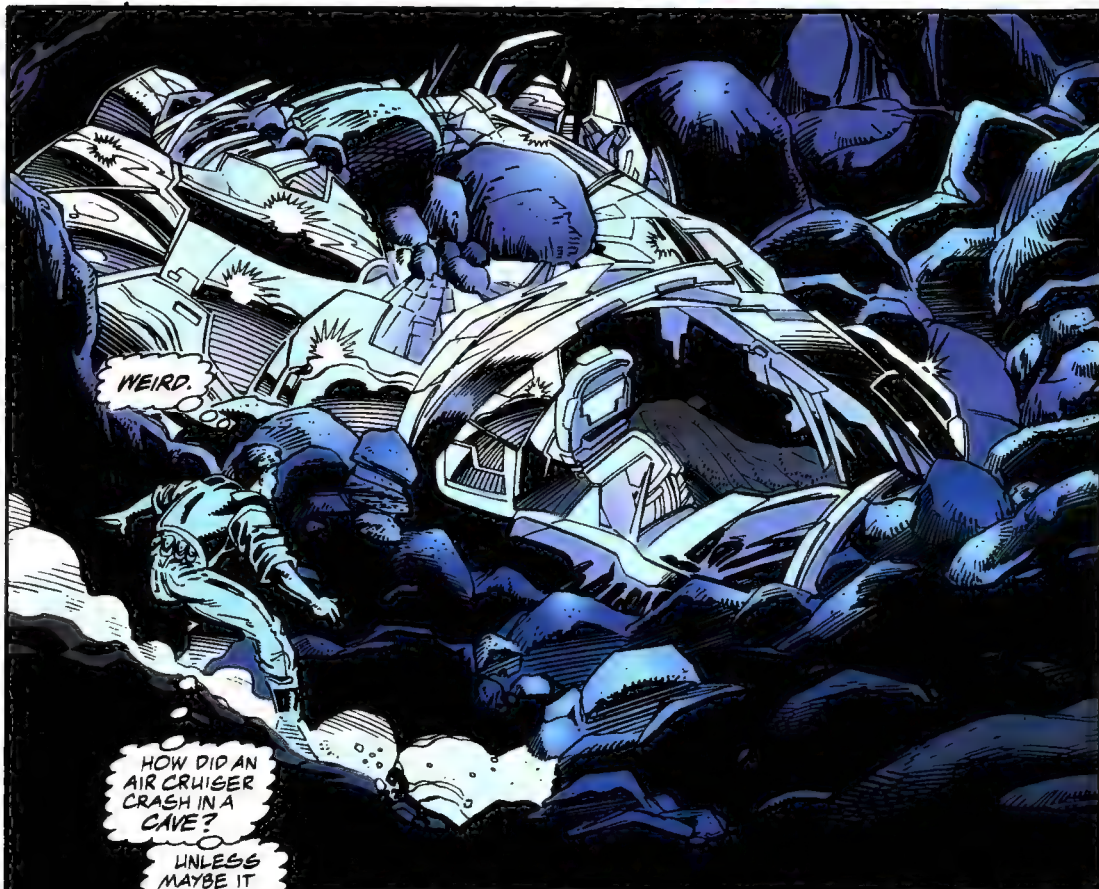
OH, LITTLE  
ONE, THIS  
IS A  
MISTAKE.

I THOUGHT I  
COULD FIND MY  
WAY OUT OF  
THESE CAVES,  
BUT I'M LOST.

MAYBE I  
SHOULD'VE TAKEN  
MY CHANCES WITH  
THE SHADOW  
DANCER...

WHAT I  
WOULDN'T GIVE  
FOR A  
FLASHLIGHT  
RIGHT NOW.

A LIGHT?  
THIS IS TOO  
GOOD TO BE--



WEIRD.

HOW DID AN  
AIR CRUISER  
CRASH IN A  
CAVE?

UNLESS  
MAYBE IT  
DIDN'T FLY  
HERE --

-- BUT  
MATERIALIZED  
HERE.

TOMP TOMP TOMP

FOOT-  
STEPS?





LIGHT--

--ALEXI--?



NO, ROSA.  
NOT  
ALEXI.

DID HE  
HURT  
YOU?

NO. THESE  
BRUISES ARE  
FROM STUMBLING  
AROUND IN THE  
DARK.

IT'S GREAT  
TO SEE YOU. I  
THOUGHT I'D  
NEVER FIND MY  
WAY OUT.

WHAT'S  
THIS?



A PLANE  
WRECK.  
MAYBE IT'S  
A STARK/  
FUJIKAWA  
PROTO-  
TYPE.



I DON'T THINK SO. THAT  
CREW MEMBER'S DEFINITELY  
NOT ONE OF THEIR TEST  
PILOTS.

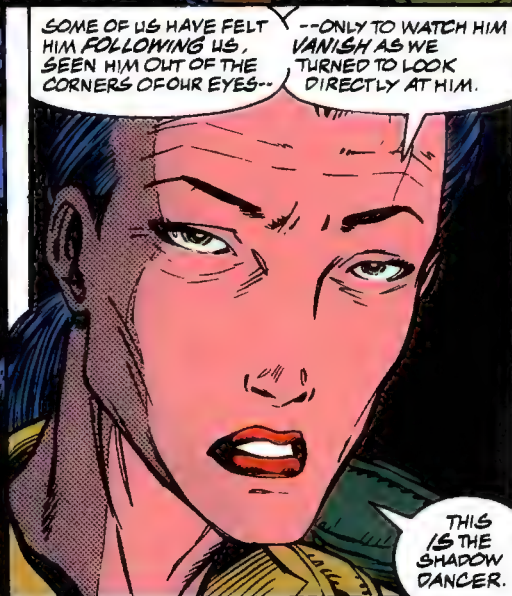
USED TO BE A  
LOT OF E.T.  
TRAFFIC OUT IN  
THE DESERT AND  
PLAINS STATES.

KINDA FIGURES  
A FEW OF THOSE  
INTERSTELLAR  
HOTRODDERS  
MIGHT'VE CRASHED  
AND BURNED.

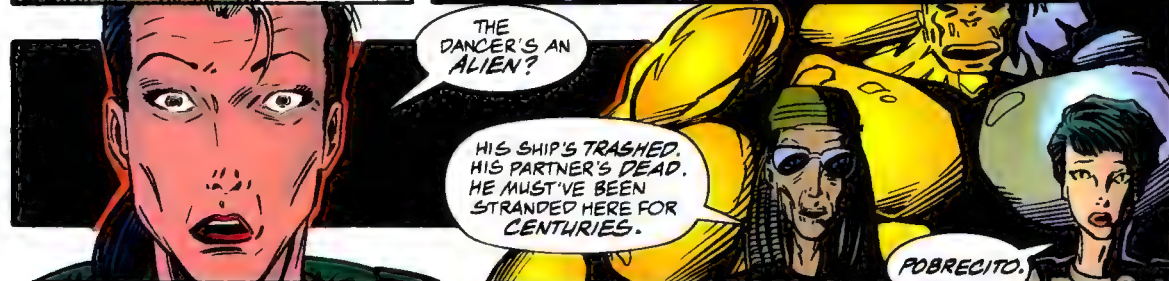
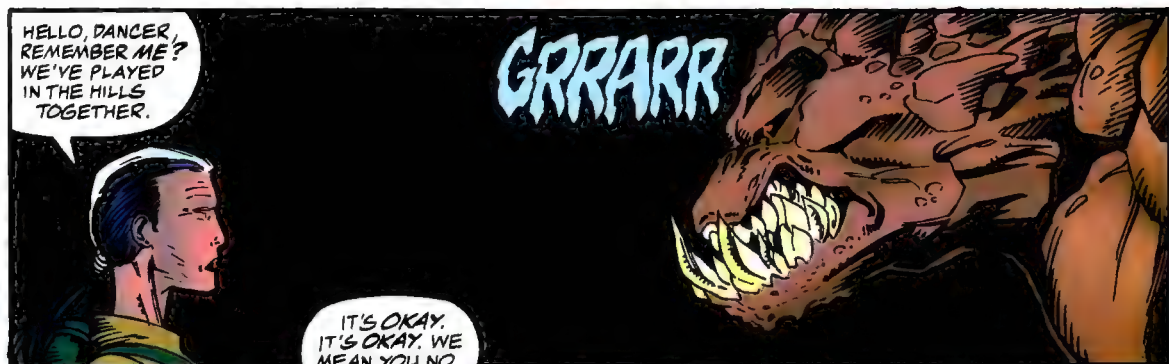
IT LOOKS LIKE  
THE CREATURE  
THAT ALEXI WAS  
FIGHTING--

--EXCEPT  
THIS ONE'S  
DEAD.













SO THE  
MONSTER'S  
FROM  
ANOTHER  
WORLD?



EXCELLENT.

THAT MEANS ITS  
EXTRATERRESTRIAL  
CARCASS WILL  
BRING A PRETTY  
PENNY WHEN I  
PUT IT ON THE  
AUCTION BLOCK.



ARUGIGH!

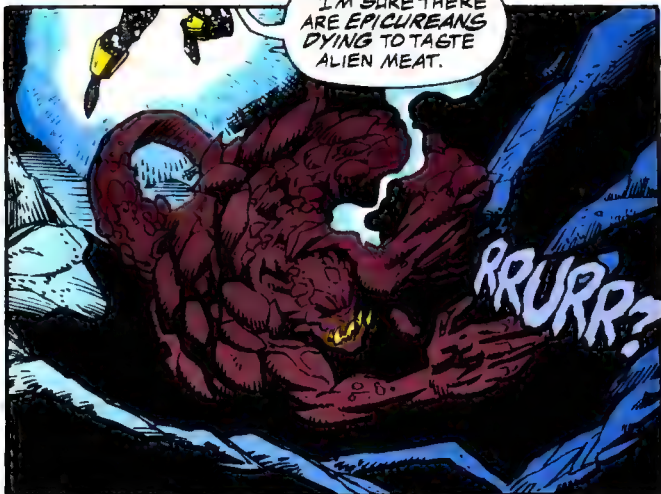
WHAM

ALEXI,  
NO!!!

OR MAYBE I'LL CHOP  
YOU UP AND SELL YOU IN  
PIECES, CREATURE.

WHAT DOESN'T GO TO  
THE BIOSHOPS, I'LL  
PARCEL OUT TO THE  
MOST EXOTIC  
RESTAURANTS.

I'M SURE THERE  
ARE EPICUREANS  
DYING TO TASTE  
ALIEN MEAT.



RRURR?



SON OF A--  
THE MONSTER'S  
DISAPPEARED.  
AGAIN.



DANCER'S GONE,  
BUT WE'RE STILL  
HERE, JAEGER.

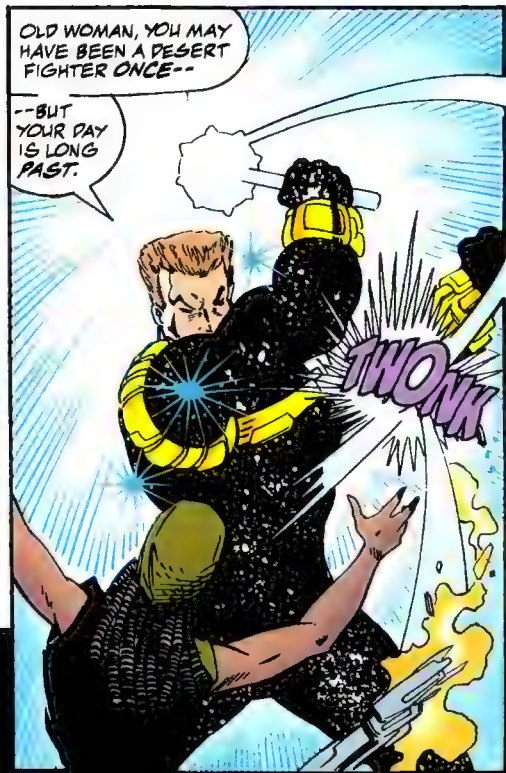
PROBLEM WITH YOU  
LAB RATS IS YOU  
NEVER HAD A  
MATERNAL IN-  
FLUENCE TO TEACH  
YOU MANNERS.



OLD WOMAN, YOU MAY  
HAVE BEEN A DESERT  
FIGHTER ONCE--

--BUT  
YOUR PAY  
IS LONG  
PAST.

**TWONK**



YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE DONE  
THAT,  
'SPIKE.

SHOWING OFF  
FOR ROSA AGAIN,  
EH, EDDIE?

SHE'S NOT WORTH  
IT, MY FRIEND. SHE'LL  
ONLY BREAK YOUR  
TIN-PLATED HEART.

AND ARE YOU  
TRULY READY TO  
DIE FOR A LYING  
LITTLE--



**SHUT UP,  
'SPIKE!**

I LEFT YOU EATING  
DUST ON THE INDIAN  
RESERVATION THE  
FIRST TIME WE  
MET.



WHAT MAKES  
YOU THINK I  
CAN'T HURT YOU  
AGAIN?

**KLANG**

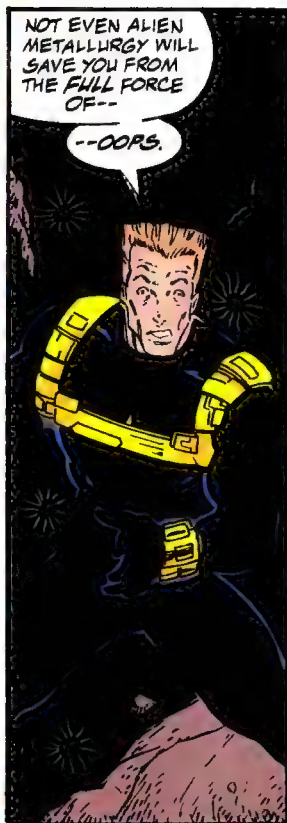
THE ALIEN METAL  
OF THAT SHIP WAS  
DESIGNED TO WEATHER  
INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL.

AND SINCE  
MY MIMETIC  
ABILITIES HAVE  
RETURNED--

--THAT MAKES ME  
TOUGH ENOUGH TO  
WITHSTAND YOUR  
ENERGY MACE.









# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## ProFile: ALEX SAVIUK

Alex Saviuk has been penciling WEB OF SPIDER-MAN since 1987; he sums up the experience by saying, "it's been a quick seven years... I've had a lot of fun!" Recently Alex left the WEB to crawl into an all-new monthly Spidey mag premiering this month, SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES, which adapts stories from Spidey's hot new animated series! Here, Alex shares some Saviuk adventures!

### Where and when were you born?

I was born in New York City on August 17, 1952.

### How did you break into comics?

After attending the School of Visual Arts, where I studied with Will Eisner, the creator of the Spirit, I got my portfolio together and attended the Phil Seuling (comic) convention in '77. There, I met Sol Harrison, who was the President of DC Comics at the time, and he was impressed enough to offer me a job. I did a one-page mystery story for one of their now-defunct mystery comics. What was the first Spider-Man story you worked on? AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #292 — the issue where Mary Jane accepts Peter Parker's proposal of marriage.

### What can you tell us about SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES?

SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES features stories based on the animated series which begins in late October or early November. It has both the classic villains and the newer villains. In the first book, Spider-Man fights the Lizard. Issue two has the Scorpion... Venom will be appearing... the Shocker... it's a nice blend of old and new villains. Each issue tells a complete story.

### Who are some of your artistic influences?

Well, the first comic I saw when I was a boy was a Superman by Curt Swan, so that's an influence. Same for Dick Sprang's Batman. Jack Kirby. John Romita Sr. Gil Kane. Ross Andru — all the artists from that time period. From

my formative years, the classic art of the '50's — Frazetta, Al Williamson, Roy Krenkel, Wally Wood, Reed Crandall... I also like the illustrators from the early 1920's — Arthur Rackham, N.C. Wyeth. And modern artists like Maxfield Parrish and Lane Decker. I enjoy looking at that illustrative technique. I admire any artists who are enthusiastic about their work. They inspire me to do better.

### What advice would you have for aspiring artists?

Draw, draw, draw anything you can see. Roll out of bed, draw your bedroom. Look out the window, draw cars, trees. You might as well learn to draw everything as early as possible. It doesn't hurt to get an art education. Also get a good general education. An artist draws from the experience of the world around him. It's good to be well-rounded.

### How many pages do you draw a day?

On a good day, I can draw two pages of full pencils, but that's a very long day! I usually work about eight hours a day, but that's usually split up throughout the day.

If you could only have one food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be? Really good pizza! I've already tasted really bad pizza!

### Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy tennis, golf, bowling, playing with my kids — usually we play basketball or baseball — reading, movies, listening to music. There is a wide range of things I do away from the drawing board.

### Who do you think should play Spider-Man in the movie?

Just about anybody who is athletic would fit the bill. Charlie Sheen is one name that has been mentioned, and I could go along with that.

### Any closing comments?

I'd just like to mention that I'm married to my lovely wife, Jodi, and I have two children, Daniel and Erica. Also, I'd like to let the fans know that comic book artists do other things besides draw comics!



## HYPE BOX



It begins with a simple mission in space — but by the time it's over, Nova will find himself rocketing into his greatest epic yet!

The action kicks off as Nova goes bullet-head to bullet-head with Nova 0:0 — an alternate Nova from another dimension, in issue #12 of the Human Rocket's mag! Writer Chris Marrinan said that the two Novas "kick up a little moon dust" in a story that takes them to Attilan, the home of the Inhumans on the moon! The exiled Royal Family of the Inhumans — including Black Bolt and Medusa — also put in an appearance, as do Nick Fury and the former New Warriors foe, the Star Thief!

Chris is taking a short break from the penciling chores of the book, as Dario Carrasco Jr. fills in for two issues, with Chris returning to double duty (writing and penciling) as of issue #14. Chris hinted that Nova 0:0 is a parallel universe version of someone who is very close to Nova in our dimension! Chris revealed that Nova 0:0's intentions are not evil — he is simply "trying to prepare Nova for the Deathstorm," an unstoppable force which destroyed Nova 0:0's Earth, and will pose a major threat to Nova in issues #13-16!

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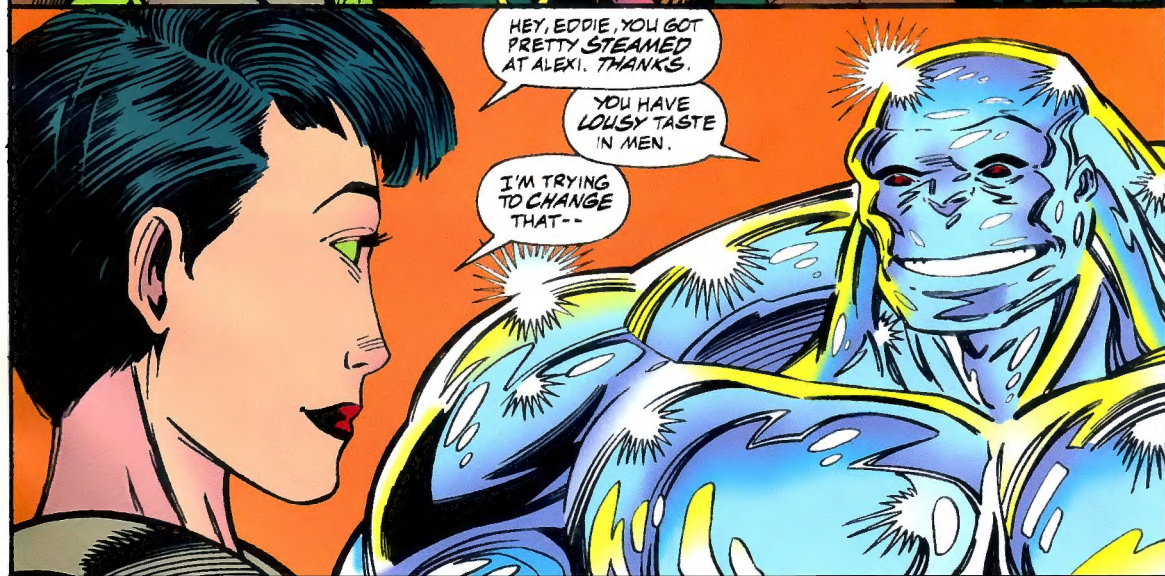
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- **X-MEN 2099 #15:** Halloween Jack treats the X-Men to some nasty tricks! By Moore/Lim/Candelario!
- **X-MEN DELUXE #39:** Legion is back! By Nicieza/Dodson!

WOLVERINE BACK FOR HIS FACIAL SCARS... IRON MAN HAND TO HAND WITH THE MANDARIN... SECRET ORIGIN OF NIGHTWATCH

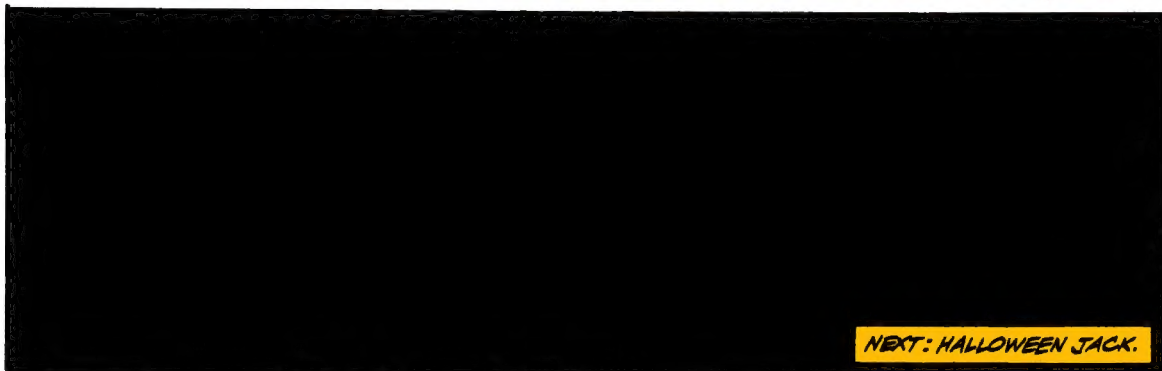
NEXT WEEK'S BOOKS... BLADE'S LONG LOST LOVE RETURNS WITH FANGS... BLAZE AND WARPATH STALK THE WENDIGO... DR. STRANGE VS. THE USURPER, SALOME... THE THING PAYS

PUNISHER 2099 VS. HIS SON... THOR FIGHTS GROTESK... CODE BLUE VS. THE THERMAL MAN... MEPHISTO SNATCHES THE SOUL OF THUNDERSTRIKE'S SON... GET MAXED ON MARVEL!









NEXT: HALLOWEEN JACK.



# ARE YOU X-PERIENCED?

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## Out Of My Head

I got a visit from **Thierry Tintot**, who edits my favorite non-Marvel comic on the planet: **Spirou Magazine** in Belgium. Thierry even got me a copy of **Marc Wasterlain's** new book with a bunch of sketches inside done especially for me! Wasterlain's one of my personal art heroes, and I'm easily the biggest fan of his **Docteur Poche** series (at least on this side of the Atlantic), so a very sincere thanks to him and to Thierry!

All right, I admit it, I'm still a comic book fan!

Dear X-perienced,

I just bought X-MEN 2099 #12 last week and loved it. Your book's one of my favorite 2099 titles. You guys must work hard to have one of Marvel's best comic books. Are you going to do UNCANNY X-MEN 2099? I think it'd be great. Maybe even an X-FORCE 2099 or X-FACTOR 2099.

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**We put out the call in DOOM 2099, out this week, and we'll do it again here. If you've got a request for a new 2099 book, write and tell us now. We're listening. We're seriously (and definitely) adding to the line next year, so we want your input. Now, did we make that plain enough?**

Dear Joey & Lia,

This is the first time I've written to any comic's letters page and that's only because X-MEN 2099 is so amazing. It's my favorite 2099 title because of Ron Lim's excellent drawings. You guys also come up with the most intriguing storylines, suspenseful endings and the best characters.

As for how I like the recent issues, they're great except for a few minor details. I'm pretty upset about Xi'an and Skullfire becoming evil because this is a sure sign that the whole team is going to have problems. That tends to get a little discouraging to a reader like myself who has to wait that whole long, everlasting month to get an issue which has only dissension and deceit among the team. This is the same thing that happened with X-FORCE and now I don't read it anymore. So please, please, PLEASE end these changes of character soon (I can probably last for only ten more issues).

Back to my original praise: I know that everyone's complaining about what you're doing with Metalhead. I want to say that I LOVE what you've done with him in ish #12. Even though he's now with the

Freakshow, I like the way he looks. If you had him find out that a new power was actually manifesting in his body while he looked "glazed over," it'd give me a whole new interest in your comic. Further, I have no idea what the Driver is going to do to Junkpile, Xi'an, Skullfire and Luna, but it looks mighty interesting. Until Junkpile wears tin foil, make mine Marvel 2099!

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**Joey, Lia and Matt can't agree on anything...why should the X-Men?**

Dear Experienced,

Okay, this may sound a little stupid but at home I've come up with a comic chart. Basically, what it does is mark which comics are good and which aren't. Since X-MEN 2099 burst on to the scene it's been #1 and it's not budging.

Not only is X-MEN 2099 one of the best comic books Marvel produces, but it's also gone past 12 issues without a guest penciler! Great, because Ron Lim is my favorite artist.

Issue #12 was brilliant. I hope Luna joins the team. Well, until Bloodhawk loses his wings and gets them replaced for mechanical ones, make mine Marvel.

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**Another vote for Luna from Kev! Anybody second the motion?**

Dear really cool X-people,

I love your book! Great job! I usually only get a few comics during the summer, but this is the best I've ever seen! Skullfire is my favorite but Lunatica's a close second. On the letters page of #12, a few people mentioned Luna. She's your best villainess! When you asked what we'd say to having her join the team, I said NO NO NO! But, as Luna seems to have fallen for Tim, how about he defies the team and joins her? I mean, she seems to have given him most of his way cool personality. That's just my opinion, but with a name like Skullfire and his attitude, he'd make the best villain! Why don't you sleep on it? Have fun.

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**Cool idea, Chrystal. It'd sure be an easy way for Tim to skip out without paying his X-Membership dues!**

Dear Are You Experienced,  
RE: X-MEN 2099 #12

WOW! That was all I could think after reading the story. The Driver! I don't know what to say! He's the best character you've introduced! I like how Xi'an went to

some of his old teammates from the Lawless. Especially Broken Haiku, she seems especially interesting. This is just a guess, but I think that Xi'an and Haiku were once in love.

1) Get all the Lawless together and have them either team-up or fight the X-Men.

2) Make Bloodhawk officially part of the team.

3) Heal Eddie and bring him back to the team.

4) Get rid of Junkpile. At least for a while.

5) Make Luna an official part of the team.

6) Last, fix whatever's wrong with Xi'an soon!

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**So you wouldn't mind a Driver solo story, Dave?**

Dear Joey & Lia,

I've just finished reading X-MEN 2099 #12. I'm so glad Junkpile is back. He's really cool. It's also good to see Metalhead even if he wasn't part of the story. With Xi'an, Junkpile, Luna and Skullfire all in the same team they'd really be something. But what's happened to the other X-Men? We haven't heard from them since Xi'an left. Have they just broken up? I love how John Moore introduces so many sub-plots in such a small space. In one issue, we learned a lot about the Driver, Haiku, Brimstone Love and we also saw how Metalhead and the Freakshow were getting along. Then the plots are concluded and we're all left feeling breathless, which shows how well written the comic really is.

The art is also faultless. In fact, there's nothing about this book which isn't brilliant. Keep up the X-cellent work.

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**X-pect more new characters soon, Ross!**

## NEXT ISSUE

Of the X-Men's former foes, which is the one you'd least expect to return, with a whole new costume and a whole new name, said name being Halloween Jack? Also, a buncha jerks from the Ratpack (remember them from ish #1?) show up, which can only mean a return trip to Las Vegas. And another look at Zhao's compound, and some developments for fans of DOOM 2099. There, we tolda plenty!



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